

# Carter Vows Careful Plan In Recruiting

## Won't Give Fast Replies To Stream of Job Pleas

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PLAINS, Ga. — The Telex printer in the new press headquarters in the Best Western Motel here receives a steady stream of telegrams to Jimmy Carter from people hoping for jobs in his administration.

They come from Washington, D.C., to California, and they recount the senders' qualifications. Given Carter's pains yesterday in his second press conference as president-elect to outline the care with which he intends to recruit the top people for his administration, these importuners need expect neither early answers nor stunning surprises, however.

The only surprise of the press conference here was his failure, with the exception of confirming Jody Powell as his press secretary and official spokesman, to announce his principal White House staff members as had been widely expected.

**THIS STIMULATED** additional speculation that there is a major rift between campaign director Hamilton Jordan and Jack Watson, the Atlanta attorney who earlier was sent to Washington to be in charge of the transition.

This speculation has been fueled by the news that Jordan will work out of Carter's temporary Washington office and that he will be responsible for screening cabinet appointments while Watson will handle such matters as legislative programs and congressional relations. To many observers that was a signal that whatever their differences Jordan had the upper

Carter bore down hard in insisting that he would keep complete control over the interviewing, screening and announcements of about 75 top appointments he will make as he did in the selection of Sen. Walter F. Mondale as his vice presidential running-mate.

"It is inevitable that there will be speculation about those who are being considered but no one on my staff or in my family is authorized to speak in my behalf about my appointees," Carter said.

He said that except for Powell he had not made any decision on aides or appointees, and he said Mondale would work closely with him in the screening process.

**HE REPEATED** his assertion that the screening process would be as painstaking as his selection of Mondale had been, and he said there would probably be no major announcements before next month.

Carter also offered assurance that in many ways he considers himself a fiscal conservative who is concerned about inflation as well as unemployment, and that he hopes to be "compatible" with Arthur Burns, the conservative head of the Federal Reserve System.

Carter and Mondale were to meet today with about a dozen Democratic leaders from both chambers of Congress at the farm of Sen. Herman Talmadge in Lovejoy, Ga. On Friday, they will be briefed in Plains by the CIA.

Next week, probably Tuesday and Wednesday, Carter will be in Washington conferring with Burns and members of the Cabinet, and with businessmen and labor leaders whose advice he will seek on administration appointments and matters such as tax reform and economic policy.

**WHEN ASKED** when he would confer with President Ford, Carter responded, "When he invites me to." He indicated he thought that this would be around the end of the month.

Carter had conciliatory words for Burns, whose policies he had criticized during the campaign. "I anticipate a substantial compatibility with Professor Burns," Carter said. "He's a competent professional. My first inclination is to work harmoniously with him."

Carter said he had never talked with Burns but that he wanted to have him repeat his testimony before the congressional Joint Economic Committee and conceded that he would still seek legislation to make the term of the chairman of the Federal Reserve coterminous with that of the president.

He conceded that he might have unemployment as high as 5 to 7 percent — compared to the present rate of 7.9 percent — throughout much of his first term while he tries to reduce unemployment without causing inflationary pressures.

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HE ALSO REPEATED his hope to have the unemployment level reduced to 4 percent by the end of his first term and also to have a balanced federal budget. As he said repeatedly during his campaign, he hopes to balance the budget through additional revenues from a 5 to 6 percent annual economic growth rate plus additional tax revenues from workers who are taken off the welfare and unemployment rolls and put back to work.

He also said he hoped to avoid the need for mandatory wage and price controls. "I made campaign promises to seek from the business and labor communities voluntary efforts to hold down inflationary pressures," he said. "Short of any national calamity I assume we could avoid any wage and price controls."

Carter said he would confer with a number of "distinguished Americans" on his administration appointees. "Later this week I will announce to the press some of the names of the people who are helping me identify possible members of my administration," he said.

He said that he is already familiar with some possibilities because of their association with his campaign. He added that some would be asked to "join with me and Sen. Mondale and our staff in evaluating legislation and programs that will be important in the next administration."